

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 257

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROX~~ April 30, 2012

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is currently reviewing amendments to the Providence Zoning Ordinance and the City's Official Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendments would revise regulations for Downtown, and the zoning map for Downtown; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendments are the result of an extensive planning and review process that involved advisory and technical committees made up of stakeholders, as well as expert advisers; and

WHEREAS, The Downtown area contains a variety of business, financial, institutional, cultural, residential, and public uses that create a vibrant state capital; and

WHEREAS, Providence's downtown is widely recognized for its historic assets, mixed use structures, and arts and entertainment offerings; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendments to the Zoning Code and the Comprehensive Plan are before the City Council Committee on Ordinances, and the City Council is expected to vote on the amendments in May 2012; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a compelling interest in ensuring that the goals and regulations contained within its soon-to-be amended Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan are met; and

WHEREAS, Without a moratorium in place, the City of Providence could receive applications for demolitions, developments, additions or alternations of buildings in the Downtown area that would conflict with the updated zoning and comprehensive plan for this area which is currently under consideration by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, A moratorium is necessary for new development, additions, and alterations, or demolition to existing development in the Downtown, in order to allow sufficient time to complete the review and adoption of the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan.

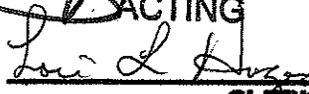
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby declares that a moratorium shall be enacted with respect to the issuance or the approval of all permits required for construction and/or demolition related to any project within the Downtown Area, which shall be known as the area of the center of the city which is bordered by I-95 to the west, Pine Street to the south, Memorial Boulevard to the north, and the Providence River to the east.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said moratorium shall be effective for sixty (60) after approval of this resolution, or until the date of adoption of amendments to the City's Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan, whichever date is earlier.

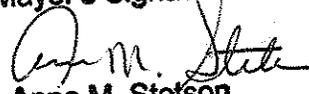
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the City's Department of Planning and Development and Department of Inspection and Standards.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
ACTING CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's Signature:

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk